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THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, for an on behalf
of the People of the State of Illinois,

- Petitioner

vs.

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE COMPANY OF
AMERICA, a Delaware corporation, its successors
and/or assigns; KINDER MORGAN, INC., a
Delaware Corporation; LASALLE NATIONAL
BANK, A/T/U/T # 36125; and

UNKNOWN OWNERS

- Respondents

Petition for approval of the taking or damaging
of certain properties owned by a public utility in
Will County, Illinois by exercising the right of
eminent domain

Parcel No. 1D80136PE

Job No. R-91-073-00

Docket No. 02-0839

PETITION FOR APPROVAL TO TAKE PROPERTY

TO THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION:

Petitioner, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION of the State of Illinois, a
Department of the State Government of Illinois, by JAMES E. RYAN, Attorney General of the State
of Illinois, and Douglas G. Felder, Special Assistant Attorney General, pursuant to Section 102 of

the Eminent Domain Act of Illinois (735 ILCS 5/7-102), requests approval of the Illinois Commerce Commission for the taking and/or damaging of certain properties owned by NATURAL GAS PIPELINE COMPANY OF AMERICA, a Delaware corporation, its successors and/or assigns (the "Utility"), a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION.

1. Under Articles 2 and 4 of the Illinois Highway Code, (605 ILCS 5/2-101; 5/2-220; and, §§5/4-101 through 5/4-512, 2000), Petitioner is engaged in a project to widen and improve U.S. Route 30 from Hennepin Drive to Larkin Avenue in Will County.

2. Under the Illinois Highway Code, U.S. Route 30 from Hennepin Drive to Larkin Avenue in Will County is a part of and included in the State Highway System.

3. Section 4-501 of the said Illinois Highway Code (605 ILCS 5/4-501, 2000) provides:

"The Department, or its name, or any county may acquire the fee simple title, or such lesser interest as may be desired, to any land, rights or other property necessary for the construction, maintenance or operation of State highways, or necessary for locating, relocating, extending, widening or straightening any State highway, or necessary for locating, relocating, extending, widening or straightening an existing street or for laying out, establishing or opening a new street within the corporate limits of any municipality which has been designated by the Department as a street to form a part of or to connect with a State highway leading up to the corporate limits of such municipality, or necessary for any other purpose or use contemplated by this Code by purchase or by the exercise of the right of eminent domain under the eminent domain laws of this State and the Department shall not be required, in any case, to furnish bond."

4. The project to widen and improve U.S. Route 30 from Hennepin Drive to Larkin Avenue in Will County constitutes a public purpose, namely construction and improvement of the roadway, structures and intersections at or adjacent to U.S. Route 30 from Hennepin Drive to Larkin Avenue in Will County.

5. The Utility is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

6. The Utility is title holder to certain real property, said property being located in Will County, the legal description of which is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit A. This real property is located at or adjacent U.S. Route 30 from Hennepin Drive to Larkin Avenue in Will County and the Petitioner has deemed it necessary to improve the structures and intersections at U.S. Route 30 from Hennepin Drive to Larkin Avenue in Will County, and improve vehicular traffic and safety of the motoring public. A copy of the Department's Plat of Highways depicting the property sought to be acquired by the Petitioner is shown on Exhibit B attached hereto.

7. Petitioner has been authorized to acquire a permanent easement title to Parcel No. 1D80136PE legally described in Exhibit A, and it is necessary for Petitioner to acquire said property for the above-described highway construction and improvement of the structures at U.S. Route 30 from Hennepin Drive to Larkin Avenue in Will County for the use of the People of the State of Illinois.

8. The terms of the compensation to be paid by the Petitioner for the property hereinafter described cannot be agreed upon between the Petitioner and the owner of the property burdened by the Utility's grant of easement or lease although Petitioner has attempted to effect such an agreement. Petitioner, therefore, is authorized and desires to proceed to acquire the property under the eminent domain laws of this State.

9. Section 7-102 of the Code of Civil Procedure (735 ILCS 5/7-102) requires Petitioner to obtain approval of the Commission prior to the taking or damaging of the Utility's property described in Exhibit A.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE
STATE OF ILLINOIS, requests the Commission to approve the taking or damaging of the above
described real property of the Utility by the exercise of the right of eminent domain.

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, for and
on behalf of the People of the State of Illinois

By: JAMES E. RYAN
Attorney General of Illinois

By: Douglas G. Felder
Douglas G. Felder
Special Assistant Attorney General

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I, Douglas G. Felder, being first duly sworn, upon oath, depose and say that I am
a Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Illinois, that I have read the above and
foregoing Petition by me subscribed, I have knowledge of the contents thereof, and that on
information and belief said contents are true and correct.

Douglas G. Felder
Douglas G. Felder
Special Assistant Attorney General

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN
to before me this 20th day of

December 2002.

Sandra M. Bartley
Notary Public

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NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
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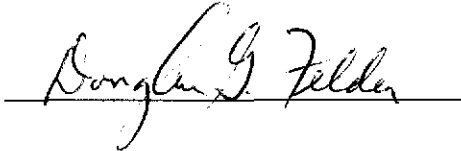
I, Douglas G. Felder, an attorney, certify that I served the foregoing Petition upon the following addresses at their respective addresses set forth:

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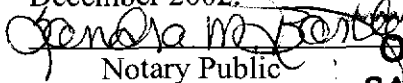
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capital
Springfield, Illinois 62708
(original and three copies)

Natural Gas Pipeline of America, a Delaware corporation
c/o Registered Agent: Prentice-Hall Corporation
33 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, IL 60602

by enclosing a copy of said Petition, together with Exhibits A and B to said Petition, in an envelope correctly addressed with sufficient first class postage affixed thereto, sealed and deposited said envelopes in the U.S. Mail Chute at 20 South Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, before 5:00 p.m. on the 20th day of December 2002.



SUBSCRIBED and SWORN
to before me this 20th day of
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Notary Public



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